

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL**  
STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM  
Rhode Island Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908-5870

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

An amendment is being proposed to the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the State of Rhode Island, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2005**, as adopted by the State Planning Council on August 8, 2002 and amended through May 13, 2004.

An amendment is proposed by the R. I. Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to:

1) Transfer funds among existing projects in the Transit Program of the TIP as follows:

- Commuter Rail Facilities and Equipment – funding for FY 2004 increased from \$0.00 to \$2.55 million and funding for FY 2005 reduced from \$1.25 to \$0.94 million
- Rail Shuttle: Providence to Warwick – funding for FY 2003 reduced from \$0.19 million to \$0.00 and funding for FY 2005 reduced from \$0.75 million to \$0.00
- Commuter Rail Stations – funding for FY 2004 reduced from \$3.00 million to \$1.70 million

2) Allocate additional funds to the Freight Rail Improvement Program (FRIP) and reallocate funds within several TIP categories as follows:

- Major Projects/FRIP – funding for FY 2005 increased from \$0.00 to \$19.00 million
- Bridge Program – funding for FY 2005 reduced from \$30.00 million to \$23.00 million
- Administrative Program/Project Modifications – funding for FY 2005 reduced from \$12.00 million to \$5.00 million

The TIP amendment is proposed to meet project funding needs and to reflect current project plans. Fiscal constraint is maintained through funding transfers and the use of previously unprogrammed funds.

The proposed amendment is available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the program's website at [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov). A copy may also be obtained by calling (401) 222-7901.

The State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment during its regular meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.  
RI Audubon Society  
12 Sanderson Road  
Smithfield, RI

The proposed amendment, together with any recommendations thereon by its Transportation Advisory Committee, will be considered by the State Planning Council at its meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room C, Second Floor  
R.I. Department of Administration Building  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI

The meeting locations are accessible to handicapped persons. Those requiring any accommodation must notify Ms. Patricia Greene at (401) 222-7901 not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

All persons may present their views on these amendments in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council. Written statements must be received by August 26, 2004.

(signed)

John P. O'Brien  
Secretary  
State Planning Council

July 22, 2004




## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

### Interoffice Memorandum

July 14, 2004

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**To:** John P. O'Brien, Secretary  
State Planning Council  
**Department:** Administration

**From:**  James R. Capaldi, P.E.  
Director of Transportation  
**Department:** Transportation

**Subject:** Request for TIP Amendment

In accordance with State Planning Council procedures and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our respective agencies, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation requests an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program as described below:

#### Freight Rail Improvement Program (FRIP)

Since May 1998, when the Record of Decision was issued on the Environmental Impact Statement for the FRIP, RIDOT has been working to increase train track clearance on the Northeast Rail corridor from Central Falls to West Davisville and to construct a dedicated freight track along a portion of the Amtrak mainline. The project is entering the final phases with completion anticipated in 2006. It has been difficult to develop an accurate cost estimate for project completion because Amtrak is performing much of the work under force account and negotiations with Amtrak have been difficult and slow. RIDOT and Amtrak have now entered into a agreement for the work so that there is a reasonable degree of certainty to the current project cost estimate. Unfortunately, the project cost estimate significantly exceeds the funds currently allocated to the project. The only funding available to fully fund the project are Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds that were made eligible for the project in 1996 by the National Highway System Designation Act.

We request a TIP amendment to increase the FHWA funding for the FRIP project in the Major Funding Category of the TIP for FY 2005 and 2006. Fiscal constraint is maintained by reducing the TIP funding for Project Modifications and the Bridge Program and utilizing funds

that had been previously unallocated in the TIP. The table below shows the TIP changes being requested.

	Current TIP			Amended Amount		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Major Project Category						
FRIP	12			12	19	9
Bridge Program	30	30	30	30	23	30
Administrative Program						
Project Modifications	12	12	12	12	5	12
Unallocated	10.8	5	9	10.8		

The funding resources assumed for the fiscal constraint analysis is level funding (both State and Federal) as received in FY 2003.

The one year reduction in Project Modifications is warranted due to the expectation that federal project closeouts will free up previously authorized federal funds which can then be used to offset new construction change orders. The reduction in the Bridge Program is justified because much of the FRIP and GARVEE project work during this period will be bridge work. In addition, it is expected that FHWA Bridge category funds and Bridge funds transferred to the Surface Transportation Program (STP) will be used to pay for the FRIP work.

The tables below show the current FRIP project estimate broken down by source and use of funds.

Use of Funds	Cost (millions)
Amtrak Work	\$92.4
Construction Contracts	\$74.1
EIS & Design	\$36.0
Inspection and Oversight	\$13.4
Rail	\$2.0
Utility Relocation	\$3.3
Right of Way	\$.5
Total	\$221.7

Source of Funds	Cost (millions)
FHWA and Highway Bonds	\$72.0
Federal Railroad Administration	\$54.9
General Obligation Bonds (EDC)	\$50.0
GARVEE/Gas Tax Bonds	\$37.7
State Appropriated Funds	\$3.0
Other (Questioned Amtrak Charge)	\$4.1
Total	\$221.7

#### **Commuter Rail Service – Commuter Coaches**

RIDOT is proceeding to implement commuter rail service south of Providence. To date planning has been completed for the Wickford Station. Funding for station design has been secured and will commence shortly. As part of this project, the MBTA will require five (5)

commuter rail coaches to conduct the service. The coaches must be placed on order with delivery to occur over the next two to three years. RIDOT must submit an application to FTA for purchase of these coaches.

We request an amendment to the Federal Transit Program of the TIP to ensure that enough funds are set-aside in the Rail/ Fixed Guideway/ Commuter Rail Facilities and Equipment line item to fund the needed coaches. We wish to reallocate funding resources between line items in order to maintain fiscal constraint and to reflect current planning. Note that funds have not, and will not, be used for the rail shuttle service and therefore are available for reallocation. Total combined funding in FY 2003-FY 2005 remains the same. The amendment requested is show on the table below:

	Current TIP			Amended Amount		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Commuter Rail Facilities & Equipment			1.25		2.55	.94
Rail Shuttle: Providence to Warwick	.19		.75	---	---	---
Commuter Rail Stations – Design and Construction	3.2	3.0	1.0	3.2	1.7	1.0
Three Year Total	9.39			9.39		

We look forward to working with you and your staff in bringing this amendment request before the Transportation Advisory Committee and the State Planning Council.

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Administrative Program

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				(Costs in Million Dollars)								
Project / Program	Function	Fund	Phas	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total		
EEO/Training	A	NS	A	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00		
Motor Fuel Tax Evasion Program	A	NS	A	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.60		
Project Modifications	A	NS	A	12.00	12.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	65.00		
Program Total				13.10	13.10	6.10	13.10	13.10	13.10	71.60		

Funding Categories

B: Bridge C: CMAQ D: Discretionary/Demo  
H: High Priority I: Interstate N: NHS  
P: Planning PLH: Public Land Highway  
R: Recreational Trails S: STP - Minimum Guarantee  
SR: Safety Redistribution

Function of Project/Program

A: Administrative  
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# Bridge Program

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<i>Project / Program</i>		<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Phas</i>	<i>(Costs in Million Dollars)</i>					<i>2008</i>	<i>Total</i>
						<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>		
Industrial Drive # 882		Providence	SP	B	C			.50				.50
Promenade Business District Int. Imp. - Phase I	Dean Street and Dean Parkway Bridges # 776 & 777	Providence	SP	B	C				1.50			1.50
Wyoming North and South Br. #43 & #44		Richmond	SP	B	C			2.00				2.00
Biscuit City Rd. Br. No. 487		Richmond	SP	B	C						5.00	5.00
Stillwater # 949		Smithfield	SP	B	C						1.00	1.00
Sakonnet River RR Bridge		Tiverton Portsmouth	SP	B	C		.80					.80
Nooseneck Hill Rd. Bridge # 520	Rt. 3 over I-95	W. Greenwich	SP	B	C		3.00					3.00
Royal Mills Br. #27		W. Warwick	SP	B	C			2.00				2.00
Natick Bridge # 383	East Ave. over Pawtuxet River	Warwick	SP	B	C				3.00			3.00
Meshanticut Interchange	Bridges #820, #821, #245, #246 #490, #491	Warwick	SP	B	C					2.30		2.30
Centerville Rd Br # 28		Warwick	SP	B	C		2.00					2.00
Barton Corner #518		Warwick West Warwick	SP	B	C				4.00			4.00
Cottrell Br. # 193		Westerly	SP	B	C						1.00	1.00

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		(Costs in Million Dollars)									
Project / Program	Municipality	Function	Fund	Phas	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Future Bridge Projects	Projects to be determined	SP	B	C				4.70	16.20	9.80	30.70
Program Total					30.00	29.30	23.00	37.00	30.00	30.00	179.30

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# Major Projects with Multi Year Funding

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Project / Program		Municipality	Function	Fund	Phas	(Costs in Million Dollars)						
						2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Quonset Access Road Phase 1			SE	BNI	DRC	15.00	14.00					29.00
Freight Rail Improvement Program	Track 7		SE	NS	DRC		12.00	19.00	9.00			40.00
Project Modifications	Non-GARVEE Portion of I-195 Relocation and Quonset Access Road Phase 1		A	BNI	DRC		5.00	5.00				10.00
GARVEE 2004 Issue	Debt Service		A	BNI				41.80	41.80	20.90	20.90	125.40
	I-195 Relocation		SP	BNI	DRC							143.10
	Washington Bridge		SP	BNI	DRC							33.70
	Quonset Access Road Phase II		SE	BNI	DRC							75.40
	Freight Rail Improvement Program		SE	NS	DRC							38.50
Future GARVEE Issue	Debt Service		A	BNI						23.90	23.90	47.80
	I-195 Relocation		SP	BNI	DRC							184.80
	Washington Bridge		SP	NS	DRC							46.60
	Quonset Access Road Phase II		SE	BNI	DRC							25.60
	Sakonnet River Bridge		SP	NS	DRC							119.40
Program Total						15.00	31.00	65.80	50.80	44.80	44.80	

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# Federal Transit Program

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						(Costs in Million Dollars)						
Project / Program	Activity	FTA Program	Function	Fund	Phas	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Rail												
Fixed Guideway	Pawtucket Layover	5309/New Start	SE	FTA	C	5.69						5.69
	RI Integrated Intermodal Transp.	5309/New Start	SE	FTA	C	12.50	12.50	6.12				31.12
Fixed Guideway	Rail Shuttle: Prov. To Warwick	5309 RIDOT	SE	FTA	C				1.75			1.75
	Commuter Rail Stations [Des., Const.]	5309 RIDOT	SE	FTA	DC	3.20	1.70	1.00				5.90
	Pilgrim Partnership III	5309 RIDOT	SE	FTA	C					1.64	1.64	3.28
	Commuter Rail Facilities & Equipment	5309 RIDOT	SE	FTA	C		2.55	.94	1.25	1.25	1.25	7.24
Program Total						58.88	44.52	34.23	28.71	28.60	28.60	223.54
Program partially funded in 2003 and 2004 by reallocating federal funds obligated in prior years.												

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